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## **AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This Response to Office Action, which is filed with an accompanying REQUEST FOR CONTINUED PROSECUTION, is responsive to the Office Action from the Examiner mailed April 5, 2006. This Response and the accompanying REQUEST FOR CONTINUED PROSECUTION are filed within six months of the mailing date of the FINAL REJECTION.

Three Month Extension - Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), the Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to respond to the Office Action. This extension will extend the response due date to Tuesday, October 5, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.